LISTING OF CLAIMS

The following claims replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A Device adapted for conveying metallic closures in an upward direction from a collecting place to a release place,

   wherein the metallic closures are selected to be in a correct position during conveying in order to release at the release place only the correctly positioned closures in one row of closures following one another closely;
   the conveyer device having a conveyer belt adapted for the upward transport of the metallic closures and having a sensor and discharge device for detecting wrong-positioned closures and for lateral discharge of individual wrong-positioned closures;
   wherein along a course of the conveyer belt upstream of the sensor and discharge device, a bar is arranged above the conveyer belt, the bar terminating after the sensor and discharge device, and adapted supply more than one row of metallic closures next to one another towards the sensor and discharge device, and;

   discharge at the sensor and discharge device wrong-positioned metallic closures from the more than one row, and;

   guide together the more than one row into the one row of closures following one another closely in the course of the conveyer belt and after the sensor and discharge device.

2. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 1, wherein the conveyer belt is a continuous conveyer belt.

3. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 1, wherein the bar is arranged above a surface of the conveyer belt at a fixed position with respect to the surface of the conveyer belt, suitable for transport of the closures.

4. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 1, wherein the discharge device has at least two discharge heads, which are aligned in directions pointing opposite one another, for the discharge of wrong-position closures at both sides of the conveyer belt.

5. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 1, wherein the sensor device and the discharge device are arranged at a distance in longitudinal direction of the conveyer belt.

6. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 1, wherein sensors of the sensor and discharge device are height-adjustable with respect to the bar or with respect to the conveyer belt.

7. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 1, wherein an elongated magnetic device extends as far as the sensor and discharge device, in the region thereof and is arranged below the conveyer belt or below one strand of the conveyer belt, the magnetic device has a width which is shaped according to the conveyer belt, so that the magnetic device extends to both sides of the bar.

8. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 1, wherein the bar is a central bar, so that an essentially same-width belt portion of the conveyer belt is on both sides as the left and on the right of the bar.

9. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 1, wherein a guiding-together region is provided following the sensor and discharge device for guiding-together of the several rows of closures and for forming a row of closures following one another closely.

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15. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 1, wherein a guide member has a nose section which points in the direction of the sensor and discharge device, and is arranged pivotably at a distance from the sensor and discharge device.

16. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 15, wherein the guide member has an essentially triangular, elongated shape and one of a pivotable bearing and an axis of a bearing is arranged at a top corner of the guide member having an acute angle, the top corner being opposite the nose section and close to the discharge (6).

17. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 15, wherein the guide member has a guide side edge, which starts from the nose section and is inclined with respect to a longitudinal plane of the conveyer belt, defining a feed hopper for the closures between the guide side edge and a guide strip at the edge of the conveyer belt.

18. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 17, wherein the guide strip can be adjusted for adaptation of a width of the feed hopper to different diameters of closure lids.

19. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 15, wherein the guide member is supported in a resiliently flexible manner and a supporting force increases if the guide member is deflected from a belt central plane.

20. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 15, wherein the guide member has two limiting stops for guide member pivoting movement to establish a maximum pivoting angle.

21. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 20, wherein the maximum pivoting angle lies between 10 degrees and 30 degrees, in particular between essentially 12 degrees and 20 degrees.

22. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 17, wherein the guide member has a curve-shaped arched edge as a deflecting section, which is directed laterally outwards starting from the nose section, for deflecting closure lids away from the feed hopper.

23. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 1, wherein an end of the bar is positioned near the sensor and discharge device.

24. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 1, wherein an elongated magnetic device, inclined with respect to a central plane of the conveyer belt is arranged after the sensor and discharge device, for guiding together the at least two rows of closures after discharging the wrong-positioned closures.

25. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 24, wherein a position of a second elongated magnetic device is changeable with respect to the central plane of the belt or has a width which is lower than the width of the first magnetic device, arranged upstream of the sensor and discharge device below the conveyer belt.

26. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 6, wherein at least two sensors of the sensor and discharge device are arranged to be height-adjustable at the bar and the bar is arranged to be fixed in its position with respect to a surface of the conveyer belt.

27. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 24, wherein at least one elongated magnetic device below the surface of the conveyer belt includes individual magnets run together at a particular distance and which are arranged in an elongated support.

28. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 27, wherein the at least one elongated magnetic device is arranged in a guiding-together region and an inclined elongated magnetic device includes a plurality of individual magnets arranged run together at a distance, inclined to the central plane of the conveyer belt.

29. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 27, wherein several sections of the row of individual magnets have a plurality of different inclinations in order to achieve guiding-together of adjacent rows to one row at the release point.

30. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 27, wherein two rows of individual magnets lying next to one another are arranged upstream of a guiding-together region below the conveyer belt so that they are placed on both sides of the bar.

31. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 27, wherein the at least one elongated magnetic device is arranged at a distance from the conveyer belt and this distance can be adjusted in order to have a change in a magnetic force of attraction on the closure lids.

32. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 7, wherein the elongated magnetic device is followed by a connection magnetic device in order to achieve continuous conveying of closure lids.

33. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 7, wherein the elongated magnetic device does not leave too great a gap to a connection magnetic device in order to achieve continuous conveying of closure lids.

34. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 32, wherein the connection magnetic device is significantly narrower, preferably essentially half as wide as the preceding magnetic device.

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36. **(CANCELLED)**

37. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A device for conveying metallic closures in an upward direction from a collecting place to a release place, wherein correct positioned metallic closures are selected during conveying and released at a higher release place ~~only~~ as correctly positioned closures in a row of closures ~~following~~ follow one another closely;

~~a)~~ the device having a conveyer belt adapted for transporting the metallic closures and a sensor and discharge device for detecting wrong-positioned closures and for individual lateral discharge of wrong-positioned closures; wherein

~~b)~~ a) along the conveyer belt to the sensor and discharge device a separating device is arranged above the conveyer belt and adapted to separate metallic closures for one or more of

supplying more than one row of closures next to one another to the sensor and discharge device[[;]] and

guiding together several rows of closures into the row of closures following one another closely after the sensor and discharge device; or

~~c)~~ b) ~~discharging~~ the wrong-positioned closures are configured to be discharged towards both sides of the conveyer belt at the sensor and discharge device.

38. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The Device according to claim 37, wherein laterally projecting guide strips are provided on both sides of the discharge device for conducting laterally discharged closures and converting a lateral discharge movement into a downward movement of said discharged closures.